

LFPWD

Lake Forest Park Water District



News

Good Water, Naturally!

FALL 2020

BACKFLOW PROGRAM

Remember fall is the time to get your backflow devices tested if you have outdoor irrigation, fire sprinklers a heating system using a boiler or other devices that require backflow prevention.



It is a State of WA requirement that all backflow devices be tested and verified yearly. This is to protect drinking water systems from contaminated water potentially being 'back flowed' into the distribution system and causing a public health threat. **Annual test results are required to be provided to the District** for our records. Our form contains further info and a list of testers and can be downloaded from www.lfpwd.org/backflow

You should have already received your first reminder letter, and we appreciate those that have already submitted their test results!



BEST TASTING WATER DECALS!

Support your Water District at your business, home or on your car window. Contact us at the office and we will get you your 'Best Tasting Water' vinyl decal.

WATER PROTECTOR AWARD

Customers of Lake Forest Park Water District enjoy untreated well water because we pump from an aquifer that has consistently produced an adequate supply of quality water. We value this resource and in an effort to encourage the protection of it, each year the district recognizes someone that has made a prominent effort to protect it.

We are seeking nominations for this year's Water Protector Award, so if you have noticed someone that you feel deserves to receive this recognition, we ask that you download the form from our website and drop it off or email it to us. We will be accepting nominations until Nov. 15th.

IMPROVEMENTS

McKINNON CREEK PUMPHOUSE PROJECT PHASE I

We are nearing completion for the first phase of this project, which consists of underground supply infrastructure - piping and utilities. Phase II will complete the project with a new facility building that allows for a consolidation of control functions, water quality monitoring, and increased instrumentation. This project results in a major upgrade for the primary wellfield and distribution hub for the water district that will serve us well into the future.



L60 CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The City of Lake Forest Park is replacing deficient stream culverts as part of a program to accommodate fish habitat. The L60 culvert project is located where Lyon Creek crosses 178th just east of 44th. This project impacts a number of utilities including our water district which has had a 6" main running through the project corridor.

We appreciate collaborating with the City and their contractors on this project to coordinate the replacement of our affected water main with 100ft of upgraded 10" HDPE line.



BOARD MEETINGS

Our Commissioner Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 PM. Meeting agendas and call in information if needed is posted on the District's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Are You Ready For WINTER?



PREPARE FOR WINTER NOW - NO FROZEN PIPES!

Now is the time to cover and insulate outdoor spigots, put your hoses away when no longer needed. During freezing weather, any frozen pipes should be thawed slowly and carefully while monitoring for any leaks that may have developed.



- Outdoor hose bibs are susceptible to freezing, use an insulator.
- Know where your water shut-off valve is located
- Don't leave garden hose attached to the faucet in freezing weather
- Winterize your sprinkler system. Make sure your shut-off valve is off and irrigation lines are drained to prevent damage from freezing water.
- If you are vacationing during the winter, consider shutting off your supply to avoid potential flooding.



WATER CONSERVATION

The District encourages planting of **native species**. These plants require less water and reduce garden chemicals as they are acclimated to grow in the local environment. Now is time to plant native species. (We still have potted native species at the District office as part of our Plant Exchange Program). Plants have a much easier time acclimating this time of year and let nature do the watering!

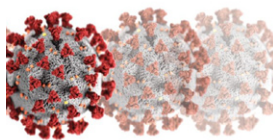
See a list of potential species at www.wnps.org at the WA Native Plant Society website.

Water Saving Tips

- Test your toilets for leaks
- One faucet dripping every second adds up to five gallons a day. Fix your drips!

COVID-19 MEASURES

For those that are experiencing financial hardships during this event, we would like to let you know that in accordance with the Governor's proclamation we are not disconnecting services or charging late fees. You are still responsible for the water you use, and we are happy to accommodate you in your ability to pay. Instead of getting behind, call us to make a modified payment arrangement, we are more than willing to help you out.



LEAK ALERTS

For those that vacation especially during the winter months, leaks that develop inside or outside the house can remain unnoticed until there is a large water bill or a flooded basement. There are a number of useful products on the market to alert you in case a leak develops, while also helping you keep an eye on your water usage.

Some products are made to sit on the floor behind the toilet for example and detect water leaks, others strap to your meter and give instant awareness of water flow, while still others require plumbing into your system but give you additional advantages like automatically shutting your water off when a leak is detected.

We are not endorsing any particular product, but wanted to inform you of these options for your benefit. Visit www.lfpwd.org/news for more info.



Know what's below.
Call 811 before you dig.

MISSION

"Lake Forest Park Water District strives to provide high quality water, sourced from our local aquifer, at the lowest reasonable cost, while investing in our infrastructure and maintaining the highest level of customer service."

GENERAL MANAGER

• Alan Kerley

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